



Nomination and Appointment Process

CONGRESSMAN BILL THOMAS, 22nd Congressional District, California

Academy Night

In the Fall, Congressman Thomas hosts An "Academy Night" in Bakersfield for students of the 22nd District who are interested in attending one of the U.S. Service Academies. Students are introduced to the nomination and appointment process, as well as have an opportunity to listen to presentations by Academy Liaison Officers who represent the U.S. Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military and Naval academies. There is also an opportunity to meet one on one with the liaison officers to ask questions and learn more about each academy.

Nomination Procedures

Each applicant must meet the eligibility requirements highlighted in the Academy Requirements section of this packet, as well as complete a nomination file with Congressman Thomas' office by **October 20th**.

A nomination file consists of the following items:

- ✓ A letter requesting a nomination from Congressman Thomas
- ✓ A completed Application for Nomination
- ✓ Three to five Letters of Recommendation from non-relatives (See Frequently Asked Questions section included in this packet for suggested individuals to provide letters of recommendation)
- ✓ SAT/ACT scores: Test results for one or both can be sent directly to Congressman Thomas from the testing service (Use SAT Code 4815 and ACT Code 7261)
- ✓ High school and/ or college transcripts
- ✓ A recent wallet-size photo

Selection Process

Applicants who have completed their file with Congressman Thomas' office by the deadline and have been screened for meeting the minimum academy requirements will have an interview with the Congressman's Academy Selection Board in November. The board, consisting of former/current military, community/ business leaders and educators in the 22nd Congressional District, will interview each candidate and make recommendations.

Students will be notified of their nomination status in Mid-December and nominations will be submitted to each academy by December 31st.

Nomination Method

Members of Congress are able to have a maximum of **five** cadets/plebes at each service academy at one time. Each year, Congressman Thomas nominates one principal nominee and no more than nine unranked competing alternate nominees to each academy.

All information for your file is to be sent to the **Bakersfield office**:

4100 Empire Drive, Suite 150
Bakersfield, California 93309

Questions should be directed to Kati McKeown, Academy Coordinator, who can be reached at (661) 327-3611.

Please notify the Academy Coordinator of all significant developments in your academy admissions process that may affect your potential to be given a nomination from Congressman Thomas.